

**MULTI-CONFIGURATION PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE
AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE SAME**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A multi-configuration portable electronic device is provided. The device includes at least one processor, a first body element including at least one input, and a second body element including a display. The second body element is pivotally coupled to the first body element such that the device can be positioned into a plurality of physical configurations. In response to a change in the physical configuration of the device, there is a change in at least two of a mode of operation of the input device, a mode of operation of the display, and an active software application being executed by the processor. In a preferred embodiment, the physical configurations of the device include a portrait configuration in which the device functions as a wireless phone, and a landscape configuration in which the device functions as a text messaging pager, PDA, handheld computer, electronic organizer, or media player. Also provided is a method of operating a portable electronic device having a plurality of physical configurations.

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